

WIRELESS MULTIMODE COMMUNICATION WITH TIMED AFFILIATION

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.72(b)

A multi-mode wireless communication device (100) such as a cellular telephone.

- 5 The communication device is capable of operating with a plurality of affiliations. A memory (110) contains timed affiliation profiles (111) for a plurality of timed affiliations (150, 160). Under control of a controller (112), time information broadcast over a system control channel is compared with information stored in memory (111) to determine which of a plurality of affiliations the communication device should be registered under. The
10 controller (112) directs the communication device to register under a new affiliation or otherwise modify affiliations when a time associated with a timed affiliation profile (111) is reached.